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SUBJ: ARE ADELMAN FIGURES CORRECT?

WIRELESS FILE OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, CONTAINED TEXT OF LETTER FROM OIL ECONOMIST M.A. ADELMAN TO NEW YORK TIMES IN WHICH HE CLAIMS THAT AVERAGE PRICE OF KUWAIT OIL IS NOW ABOUT ONE DOLLARE LESS THAN BLENDED OR AVERAGED PRICE OF SAUDI BUY-BACK AND EQUITY OIL. IMPLICATION IS THAT HIGH BUY-BACK PRICE AGREED TO BY GULF/BP IN KUWAIT IS UNIMPORTANT.

2. WE ARE UNABLE TO EVALUATE AVERAGED PRICE OF KUWAIT OIL; AND, IN FACT, IT IS DIFFICULT TO KNOW AVERAGED PRICE HERE IN FACE OF LACK OF AGREEMENT ON DEGREE EQUITY SINCE JANUARY 1974, A STILL UNSETTLED ISSUE. HOWEVER, ASSUMING 60/40 FOR BOTH COUNTRIES FOR THIS YEAR, CAN KUWAIT GIVE US ACTUAL AVERAGED PRICE? CAN DEPARTMENT WORK OUT AVERAGES FOR SAUDI ARABIA? OUR LATEST PRICE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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